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ANGOLA'S LEADING DAILY NEWSPAPER PROVINCIA IN FRONT PAGE
EDITORIAL SUNDAY OCT 14 COMMENTS ON AZORES BASE NEGOTIATIONS
AS FOLLOWS:

"ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT BY (FOREIGN) MINISTER RUI PATRICIO
AT THE UN, PORTUGAL DOES NOT WISH TO GRANT THE UNITED STATES
A RENEWAL OF THE LEASE FOR THE AMERICAN BASE IN THE AZORES.
THE LEASE EXPIRES IN THREE MONTHS. THE PORTUGUESE FOREIGN
MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT OF THE US\$436 MILLION PROMISED IN
EXCHANGE FOR USE OF THE BASE, PORTUGAL HAS ONLY RECEIVED
A SMALL OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL AND A SMALL DONATION
USED FOR SCHOLARSHIP AID TO PORTUGUESE STUDENTS IN AMERICAN
UNIVERSITIES. APART FROM THAT, PORTUGAL HAS NOT RECEIVED THE
GRANT OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS WHICH WAS PROMISED FOR EQUIPMENT
AND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ALSO DID NOT USE THE
\$400 MILLION IN CREDITS FROM THE EXIMBANK TO BUY AMERICAN
PRODUCTS, BECAUSE IT WAS ABLE TO MAKE ITS PURCHASES FROM OTHER
SOURCES UNDER BETTER CONDITION.

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WHILE EVERYONE THOUGHT THE AZORES DEAL WAS OF CHINESE PROPORTIONS, WE HAVE TO CONCLUDE THAT THE AMERICANS SLIPPED THE KNOT AND FAILED TO PRODUCE THE MILLIONS. IT BECOMES CLEARER EVERY DAY THAT WE CANNOT TRUST ANYONE."
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